

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 27, 31, 33 and 38 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 4, 11, 28-30, 32, 34-37 and 39-42 as follows.

1 -3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A digital camera which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images an image to the printer, comprising:

a selection unit configured to select a plurality of images an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the digital camera and the printer is established;

a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images image selected by said selection unit are is to be printed;

an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, and the status of the printer; and

a display control unit configured to (i) if said reception unit has received a reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by

the printer, display information indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be disconnected by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images image to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the reception unit until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, and (ii) if said reception unit receives the print completion message during the communication is connected, enable the selection of another image to be printed by said selection unit.

5 -10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image input apparatus which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images an image to the printer, comprising:

    a selection unit configured to select a plurality of images an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the image input apparatus and the printer is established;

    a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images image selected by said selection unit are to be printed;

    an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a ~~reception end~~ message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, and the status of the printer; and

a display control unit configured to (i) if said reception unit has received a reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, display information indicating that the communication between the image input apparatus and the printer can be disconnected[[,]] by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images image to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the reception unit until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, and (ii) if said reception unit receives the print completion message while the communication is connected, enable the selection of another image to be printed by said selection unit.

12 -27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein said display control unit displays information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

29. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected by a cable, and said display control unit

displays information indicating that the cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

30. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface, and said display control unit displays information indicating that the camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a digital camera which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images an image to the printer, comprising the steps of: selecting with the digital camera a plurality of images an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the digital camera and the printer is established;

transmitting to the printer a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images image selected by said selecting step are is to be printed;

transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, and the status of the printer; and

displaying controlling the digital camera so that (i) if a reception end message is received in said receiving step indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, information is displayed indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be disconnected[[,]] by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images image to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the receiving step until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or a print completion message is received indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, and (ii) if said receiving step receives the print completion message while the communication is connected, selection of another image to be printed is enabled.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to the camera receiving the reception end message from the printer.

35. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that a cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected by the cable.

36. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that the digital camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image input apparatus which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images an image to the printer, comprising:

selecting with the image input apparatus a plurality of images an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the image input apparatus and the printer is established;

transmitting, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images image selected by said selecting step are is to be printed;

transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer; and the status of the printer; and

controlling the image input apparatus so that (i) if a reception end message has been received in said receiving step indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, displaying information is displayed indicating that the communication between the image inputting apparatus and the printer can be disconnected[[,]] by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images image to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by

~~the receiving step until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or a print completion message is received indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, and (ii) if the print completion message is received while the communication is connected, selection of another image to be printed is enabled.~~

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that ~~all the images~~ ~~all data of the image~~ to be printed ~~was~~ ~~have been~~ received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for ~~all the images~~ ~~the image~~ to be printed is completed.

40. (Currently Amended) The image input apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein, after the printer sends to the image input apparatus the reception end message indicating that ~~all the images~~ ~~all data of the image~~ to be printed ~~was~~ ~~have been~~ received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for ~~all the images~~ ~~the image~~ to be printed is completed.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of controlling a digital camera according to Claim 32, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that ~~all the images~~ ~~all data of the image~~ to be printed ~~was~~ ~~have been~~ received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for ~~all the images~~ ~~the image~~ to be printed is completed.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of controlling an image input apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein, after the printer sends to the image input apparatus the reception end message indicating that ~~all the images~~ all data of the image to be printed was ~~have been~~ received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for ~~all the images~~ the image to be printed are completed.